

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK COUNSELLING (MSW(C) Second Year)

Assignment: 2026-2027

Course Titles

MSW-012	: Introduction to Life Characteristics and Challenges
MSW-013	: Introduction to Psychological Basis of Counselling
MSW-014	: Relevance of Social Case Work in Counselling
MSW-015	: Basics of Counselling
MSW-016	: Fields of Counselling

Last Date of Submission of Assignments to the Study Centre
July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027
January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027



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Dear Learner,

Welcome to the MSWC (2nd year) programme of IGNOU. You have purposefully chosen to become a post graduate in Social Work Counselling to contribute towards improving the social conditions of people. To successfully complete your MSWC program, kindly follow the following tips:

- Read the programme guide before you begin your studies. It will clarify most of your doubts regarding how to go about doing the MSWC Program from IGNOU.
- Submit your assignments to the Study Centre on time.
- Be in touch with your Study Centre and Regional Centre
- Meet your Field Work Supervisor (FWS) at the Study Centre for Fieldwork Supervision
- Fill up the examination form on time.

Assignments are open book examination and we at IGNOU assign 30 per cent weightage to the assignment while calculating the overall grade for each course. **Assignments are to be handwritten and duly signed before its submission in the Study Centre.** In order to prepare a good set of assignment responses, you must first of all read the units) from which a particular question has been framed. Discuss with your peer-group and academic counselors who teach you. Prepare a draft, do the necessary correction on it and then, prepare the final version for submission to the Study Centre.

Make sure that each answer starts on a new page. For long and medium answers, ensure that there is an introduction, sub-titles, body and a conclusion. One line should be left between each paragraph. Make sure your answers are specific and in your own words and do not copy from books. Your answers will be exclusively based on the IGNOU materials only. Preparation of assignments is preparation for your term-end examination. Therefore take the assignments seriously.

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Introduction to Life Characteristics and Challenges

ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-012

Total Marks: 100

Note:

- i) Answer all the five questions.
 - ii) All questions carry equal marks.
 - iii) Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should not exceed 600 words each.
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1. Discuss the influence of prenatal environmental factors on the biological development of children, with suitable examples. 20

Or

Analyze the psychological and social challenges faced during adolescence in contemporary Indian society. 20
 2. Explain the role of intimacy, commitment, and compatibility in establishing a successful family during adulthood. 20

Or

Evaluate the impact of changing family structures and urbanization on the status and adjustment of elderly people in India. 20
 3. Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words each:
 - a) Explain the significance of developmental tasks in infancy and childhood. 10
 - b) Discuss the role of peers and media in the social development of adolescents. 10
 - c) Highlight the barriers to establishing intimacy in marital relationship. 10
 - d) Explain the concept of active ageing and its importance in modern society. 10
 4. Attempt any four of the following in about 150 words each:
 - a) Explain the importance of prenatal care. 5
 - b) What are the developmental tasks of adolescence? 5
 - c) Write a brief note on the family life cycle. 5
 - d) Explain the concept of role conflict among adults. 5
 - e) What are the socio-cultural factors affecting the elderly in India? 5
 - f) Discuss the role of a geriatric social worker. 5
 5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each:
 - a) Role Set 4
 - b) Nutritional Disorder 4
 - c) Dementia 4
 - d) Population Ageing 4
 - e) Parenting Style 4
 - f) Filter theory of mate selection 4
 - g) Identity crisis in adolescent 4
 - h) Teratogens 4